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## Geochemical Society

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this in April, the snow has receded in central Pennsylvania and is now only intermittently making a return as we welcome spring. With spring comes anticipation of our upcoming annual meeting—the Goldschmidt Conference ([www.goldschmidt2007.org](http://www.goldschmidt2007.org)), in Cologne, Germany, organized by Prof. Herbert Palme and his team. It looks like it will be a great meeting, filled with wonderful science.

Spring is also the moment when we express our appreciation to the Geochemical Society (GS) committee members who rotate off their positions. It continues to amaze me that in this time of increasingly busy schedules, scientists from around the world run the GS as volunteers, giving their time to keep our Society functioning for the benefit of the worldwide geochemical community. We truly appreciate these volunteers. I will also use this space to introduce you to the functions of our various committees, in the hope that you would like to participate in one of them. We are always looking for new members for committees, and committee membership is renewed each year through nominations coordinated by the vice president, Marty Goldhaber ([mgold@usgs.gov](mailto:mgold@usgs.gov)). Our business manager, Seth Davis ([gsoffice@geochemsoc.org](mailto:gsoffice@geochemsoc.org)), also maintains a list of GS members who express interest in serving on a committee—please write Seth if you are interested. The GS Board is currently considering changes to some of our nomination procedures, which we will explain in a future message in *Elements*.

The following committee members are rotating off the Nominations Committee on June 30, and their efforts are greatly appreciated: Martin Palmer, Chair (National Oceanographic Centre, Southampton) and J.K. Bohlke (USGS). The Nominations Committee puts forward nomina-

tions for our officer positions and always seeks a balance that reflects the diversity of our members.

We also salute the retiring members of the Program Committee: Tracy Rushmer, Chair (University of Vermont) and Albert Galy (University of Cambridge). This important committee discusses how to promote geochemistry at national and international meetings. The committee implements many of our program initiatives outside of the Goldschmidt Conference. Of particular interest this year, the committee has discussed the reduced attendance by geochemists at the Geological Society of America meeting and the impact of this decrease on our Ingerson Lecture. We have decided to maintain the Ingerson Lecture at GSA, but we hope that better advertising and improved coordination of the lecture with the GS-MSA reception will increase its attendance. If you are running a geochemical symposium at GSA in the future, you might consider trying to coordinate it with the Ingerson Lecture if appropriate.

The retiring members of the Clarke Award Committee include Randy Cygan, Chair (Sandia National Laboratory) and Alan Matthews (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), both of whom have contributed greatly to the Society. Cygan's committee made some important suggestions about how the GS should run the award process, and we will be acting on some of

### NOTES FROM SAINT LOUIS

#### *Geochemical News* (<http://gnews.wustl.edu>)

Starting with GN130, *Geochemical News* is now available as a webpage. This switch was due to an overwhelming response from our membership survey that a webpage was preferable to a .pdf download. Back issues of *GN* are still in .pdf format, but to make it easier to find what you are looking for we have broken down recent issues to their individual articles. Please be sure to check it out!

We are always looking for content that is interesting and useful to geochemists. If you would like to submit an announcement, conference information, a job posting, or a book review, or propose an article, please contact Carla Koretsky ([carla.koretsky@wmich.edu](mailto:carla.koretsky@wmich.edu)).

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those suggestions. We welcome suggestions about our awards from all members, and we have received some very good ones this year. We will try to implement your ideas where appropriate.

We salute the following members of the GS/EAG Fellows Committee who helped us pick an excellent slate of Fellows this year (see the 2007 Fellows on the previous page): Doug Rumble, Chair (Carnegie Geophysical Laboratory) and Bruce Watson (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute).

The Patterson Award is the highest award that the GS bestows in environmental geochemistry. The committee that has been choosing the awardees over the last several years was chaired by Brian Popp (University of Hawai'i). We appreciate Brian's efforts as well as the efforts of Don Sparks (University of Delaware)—both Brian and Don are rotating off this year.

Finally, the highest award that the GS bestows is the Goldschmidt Award, and the Goldschmidt

Committee similarly did a fine job this year. We appreciate the hard work of Sam Mukasa, Chair (University of Michigan) and David Hilton (University of California-San Diego).

I would also like to invite you to submit more nominations for all GS awards. This year we had an extraordinarily high number of nominations for Fellowships, and the chosen Fellows are thus of the highest quality. We need such influxes of nominations for all the awards, and we encourage members and nonmembers alike to nominate deserving candidates.

Again, the GS is a volunteer organization, and we need members to contribute to all these committees. We welcome your suggestions and nominations. See you in Cologne.

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## 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOLDSCHMIDT CONFERENCE, COLOGNE, GERMANY AUGUST 19–24, 2007

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### New Look for [www.geochemsoc.org](http://www.geochemsoc.org)

The Geochemical Society has contracted a web development company to greatly improve the content and usability of our site. The new site is projected to be up and running before the 2007 Goldschmidt Conference.

If you have suggestions or questions please let me know.

See you in Cologne

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Only 10 weeks are left to this year's Goldschmidt Conference in Cologne. If you have not yet decided to come to Cologne, you should seriously consider it. The Goldschmidt Conference has become the major international meeting covering all aspects of geochemistry. Aside from the scientific attractions, Cologne is worth a visit. It is Germany's fourth largest city, and one of the oldest. It was founded by the Romans nearly two thousand years ago. The city's historic core, or Altstadt, includes a huge medieval cathedral, twelve important Romanesque churches, a plethora of major art museums, innumerable restaurants and watering holes, and a large number of reasonably priced hotels. Cologne is also the center of Germany's thriving contemporary art scene.

Cologne has excellent public transportation connecting the university to the rest of the city. Tickets for unlimited free use of public transportation within the city are included in the conference registration fee.

The conference will begin Sunday late afternoon with registration and an icebreaker in the Mensa building. Sessions will start at 8:30 am each day with plenary lectures. Mornings and early afternoons will be devoted to symposia in some 14 lecture halls, with late afternoons being reserved for poster sessions. Wednesday afternoon will be free for visiting the city. In the evening the conference dinner will be served in the Gürzenich, the traditional ballroom and reception hall of the City Council.

A series of plenary lectures will highlight various phases in the evolution of planet Earth: from accretion, through internal differentiation and crust formation and the shape and structure of the present surface to the earliest stages in the evolution of life.

- **Monday: A. Morbidelli**  
"Terrestrial Planet Formation: Our Solar System and Extra-Solar Worlds"
- **Tuesday: Paul Asimow**  
"Magmatism and the Evolution of the Earth's Interior"
- **Wednesday: John Valley**  
"Evidence of the Earliest Crust on Earth"

- **Thursday: James Kirchner** "The Chemistry of Earth's Dynamic Surface"
- **Friday: Jochen Brocks**  
"Molecular Fossils and Early Life on Earth"

In addition to these lectures, over 70 keynote presentations will be made. Speakers confirmed for keynote presentations include **Frank Richter, Nicolas Dauphas, David Hilton, Samuel Bowring, Rick Carlson, John Gurney, Willy Benz, Alex Halliday, John Patchett, J.-P. Lorand, Rich Walker, Don DePaolo, Chris Hawkesworth, John Blundy, Max Schmidt, James A. Van Orman, Stefan Shouten, Ruth E. Blake, Erik Hauri, Terry Seward, Terry Bidleman, Jürgen Popp, John Stone, Howard Spero, Alex Sobolev, and John Clemens.**

The 2007 Goldschmidt looks set to be among the biggest geochemistry conferences ever. Do plan to come and be a part of it. Further information can be found from the conference website

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## GEOCHEMICAL SOCIETY AWARDS AT THE 2007 GOLDSCHMIDT CONFERENCE



### 2007 V.M. Goldschmidt Award

- ① Dr. Günter W. Lugmair,  
UC-San Diego  
CITATIONIST: Dr. Jerry G.  
Wasserburg, CalTech



### 2007 F.W. Clarke Award

- ② Dr. Ethan Baxter,  
Boston University  
CITATIONIST: Donald DePaolo,  
UC-Berkeley



### 2007 C.C. Patterson Award

- ④ Dr. Gordon E. Brown Jr.,  
Stanford University  
CITATIONIST: Prof. George R.  
Helz, University of Maryland



### 2007 Distinguished Service Award

- ⑤ Dr. Michael F. Hochella Jr.,  
Virginia Tech



### 2007 Gast Lecturer

- ⑥ Dr. Katherine H. Freeman, The  
Pennsylvania State University  
LECTURE TITLE: "Molecular and  
Isotopic Proxies – From  
Microbes to Mountains"



## ORGANIC GEOCHEMISTRY DIVISION AWARDS AT IMOG 2007

### 2006 A.E. Treibs Award

- ⑦ Dr. Bernd Simoneit,  
Oregon State University

### 2007 A.E. Treibs Award

- ⑧ Dr. Walter Michaelis,  
University of Hamburg



The Organic Geochemistry Division of the Geochemical Society will also be presenting the 2007 Best Paper Award (to be determined) at the 23<sup>rd</sup> International Meeting on Organic Geochemistry (IMOG) in Torquay, Devon, UK, on September 9–14, 2007 ([www.imog2007.org](http://www.imog2007.org)).



### 2006 C.C. Patterson Award

- ③ Dr. Fred T. Mackenzie,  
University of Hawai'i  
CITATIONIST: John W. Morse,  
Texas A&M University